

## **Joint Ventures and Ownership**

South Georgia Medical Center has an equity interest of \$87,136 in VHA, formerly known as Voluntary Hospitals of America. Headquartered in Irving, Texas, VHA is a network of not-for-profit healthcare organizations that formed a co-op to secure lower pricing for certain purchases including supplies and health insurance stop-loss coverage.

South Georgia Medical Center entered into a patronage agreement with Distribution Cooperative, Inc. in 2018 for \$1,037,400. Located in McDonough, Georgia, the co-op provides warehousing services and distribution services with respect to inventory for its members. The co-op was formed to reduce shipping fees, achieve favorable pricing, and earn rebates for its members.